

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This joint memorial requests that Congress close a legal loophole that could theoretically allow some crimes committed in the portion of Yellowstone National Park that is located in Idaho to go unpunished. The Sixth Amendment requires that a person be tried by a jury from the state and district where the crime was committed. Since all of Yellowstone is included in the United States District Court for the District of Wyoming, and because no one lives in the portion of Yellowstone located in Idaho, in theory no constitutionally legitimate jury could be seated to try a defendant prosecuted for a crime occurring there. This joint memorial requests that Congress place the portion of Yellowstone located in Idaho under the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the District of Idaho, closing the loophole.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no anticipated impact to any state or local fund.

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